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¶1. (U) The presidents and foreign ministers of the Central American countries, Mexico, and the Dominican Republic will meet July 11 in Panama for the Eighth Summit of the Tuxtla Mechanism for Dialogue and Coordination (see reftel). Agenda points for the summit include: strengthening democracy in the region, the immigration issue in the United States, advances and challenges of the Puebla-Panama Plan, economic and commercial affairs, advances and proposals of the Mesoamerican Program for Cooperation, and a joint declaration for the summit.

¶2. (U) The foreign ministers will also meet July 10 as part of the Central American Integration System (SICA). Agenda items for this meeting include: the free movement of persons in the region, a customs union, a regional cooperation strategy for 2007-2013, and institutional reform. The SICA group also plans to meet with the presidents of PARLACEN and the Central American Court of Justice.

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